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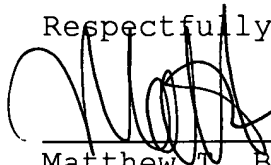
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97,
applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the
following patents, patent publications, and U.S. patent
applications:

The Patents and Patent Publications

Section A

U.S. Patent Documents

Harvey et al.	4,694,490	(09/15/87)
Harvey et al.	4,704,725	(11/03/87)
Harvey et al.	4,965,825	(10/23/90)
Harvey et al.	5,109,414	(04/28/92)
Harvey et al.	5,233,654	(08/03/93)
Harvey et al.	5,335,277	(08/02/94)
Ellis et al.	5,760,821	(06/02/98)
Harvey et al.	5,887,243	(03/23/99)

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Foreign Patent Documents

WO	89/02682	(03/23/89)
EPO	0 382 764 B1	(08/22/90)
EPO	0 752 767 A2	(01/08/97)

Section B

Foreign Patent Documents

WO	99/14947	(03/25/99)
WO	99/18722	(04/15/99)
EPO	0 935 393 A2	(08/11/99)
WO	99/52285	(10/14/99)

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These documents of Sections A and B are listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 (submitted in duplicate) and copies are enclosed herewith.

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The information contained in Section B of this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement. In particular, these references were cited in the March 20, 2001 International Search Report on applicants' corresponding Patent Cooperation Treaty application

PCT/US00/31995. A copy of that Search Report is enclosed herewith.

The U.S. Patent Applications

Applicants also wish to bring to the Examiner's attention the following unpublished U.S. patent applications, which are listed by applicants, application number and filing date, respectively:

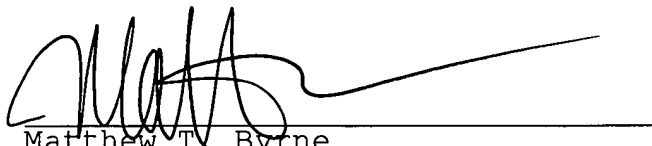
U.S. Patent Applications

Knudson et al.	09/034,939	(03/04/98)
Boylan et al.	09/070,700	(04/30/98)
Knee et al.	09/139,777	(08/25/98)
Reynolds et al.	09/217,100	(12/16/98)

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, no copy of these U.S. patent applications need be included with the filing of this paper.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this patent application is respectfully requested.

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